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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEGUCIGALPA 5207

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SUBJECT: HONDURAS/EL SALVADOR RELATIONS

1. POLOFF HAD CONVERSATION WITH ACTING FONMIN RICARDO PINEDA MILLA ON EVENING OF DECEMBER 3. PINEDA SAID THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH FONMIN BORGONOVO IN MANAUGA WHEN GOH AND GOES DELEGATIONS WERE PRESENT FOR THE DECEMBER 1 INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT SOMOZA. BORGONOVO TELEPHONED PINEDA DURING POLOFF'S VISIT AND DISCUSSED PLANS TO TALK WITH PINEDA IN CARACAS DURING PLANNING SESSION PRECEEDING THE MEETING OF PRESIDENTS ON DECEMBER 13-14. PINEDA SAID THAT HE WOULD LEAVE FOR CARACAS ON DECEMBER 4, AND HOPED TO HAVE EXTENSIVE CONVERSATION WITH BORGONOVO AT THAT TIME.

2. PINEDA REMARKED THAT BORGONOVO HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE MIGHT GO TO WASHINGTON DURING THE LATTER PART OF DECEMBER TO DELIVER A REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN ON THE STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. PINEDA QUESTIONED WHETHER BORGONOVO WOULD HAVE THE NECESSARY INTERNAL GOES CLEARANCES TO PRESENT A REPORT BY THEN.

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3. PINEDA EMPHASIZED THAT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS IS TO REGAIN SOME DEGREE OF MOMENTUM IN NEGOTIATIONS. HE REMARKED THAT A COMPLETE STOP IN NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT CREATE A PSYCHOLOGICAL CLIMATE THAT COULD EFFECTIVELY "FREEZE" NEGOTIATIONS INDEFINITELY. THEREFORE, HE WILL ATTEMPT TO SEEK A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH BORGONOVO ON A FORMAT FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO RENEW TALKS IN SOME FORM IN JANUARY.
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